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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

VIA EFS WEB Commissioner for Patents

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This Response is being submitted in reply to the Final Office Action mailed May 24, 2011, having a date for response of August 24, 2011. Thus, this Response is timely submitted.

No fees are believed to be due. Any fees deemed to be due or credit for any overpayment for this application should be directed to Deposit Account Number 50-1047 and authorization is hereby given to charge such account.

Kindly consider the following Amendment and Remarks.

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